

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.49, As Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Harry F. Cato, Chairman, House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator Hayes	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	38-71-290
SUBJECT:	Health Coverage for Mental Illness		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0(No Additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill, as amended, would require health insurance plans to provide coverage for treatment of mental illnesses, and require the Department of Insurance to report to the General Assembly on the impact on health insurance costs.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Insurance

The Department indicates that this Bill, as amended, would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

State Budget and Control Board (Board)

A review of the Bill by Board staff indicates enactment would have no impact on the State Health Insurance Plan.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

There would be no impact to DHHS per Section 1 (F) (2), specifying that "the provisions of this Bill do not supersede the provisions of federal law, federal or state Medicaid policy, or the terms and conditions imposed on a Medicaid waiver granted to the State for the provision of services to individuals with mental health disorders."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

To the extent the proposed Bill does not place any mandates beyond what is included in existing plans there is no impact on localities. However, if the Bill places additional coverage responsibilities on local plans there would be an impact on premiums.

Approved by:



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